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Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A microparticle less than about 100 microns in diameter, comprising:
a polymeric matrix;
a lipid having a pKa of less than about 2.5; and
a nucleic acid molecule, wherein the microparticle is not encapsulated in a liposome and the microparticle does not comprise a cell.
2. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid is selected from the group consisting of a lipid sulfonate, lipid sulfate, lipid phosphonate, and lipid phosphate.
3. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol diacyl ethanolamine, taurocholic acid, glycocholic acid, cholic acid, N-lauroyl sarcosine, and phosphatidyl inositol.
4. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid is polyethylene glycol diacyl ethanolamine.
5. (Withdrawn) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid is taurocholic acid.
6. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid has a pKa of less than about 2.0.
7. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the lipid has a pKa of about 1.8.
8. (Original) The microparticle of claim 1, wherein the microparticle has a diameter of about 50 microns.